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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION		Attorney Docket No.	71189-1435
		First Named Inventor	Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz
COMPLETE IF KNOWN			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration submitted with or initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration submitted after initial filing		Application No.	10/064752
		Filing Date	
		Group Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (only if one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HAND-HELD DEEP CLEANER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

or

☐ was filed on _____, as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number: _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached	
				YES	NO
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number (s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.
60/312,122	08/14/2001	

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DECLARATION - Utility Or Design Patent Application

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the matter provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional U.S. or PCT international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.			
As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Number 20915 Or <input type="checkbox"/> Registered practitioner(s) name/registration number listed below			
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John E. McGarry	22,360	Mark A. Davis	37,118
H. Lawrence Smith	24,900	G. Thomas Williams	42,228
Joel E. Bair	33,356	Michael F. Kelly	50,859
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional registered practitioner(s) named on supplemental Registered Practitioner Information sheet PTO/SB/02C attached hereto.			
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Country	Telephone	Fax	
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.			
Name of Sole or First Inventor		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
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		Country US	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are being named on the _____ supplemental additional inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.			

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Gary A.				Kasper			
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Eric C.				Huffman			
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Name of Inventor		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor					
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City	Rockford	State	MI	Zip	49341	Country	US

Name of Inventor		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor					
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Eric J.				Hansen			
Inventor's Signature	<i>Eric J. Hansen</i>					Dated <i>9-3-2002</i>	
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Inventor's Signature						Dated	
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1. Name of the conveying party(ies): Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz, Alan J. Krebs, Phong Hoang Tran, Jonathon Miner, Gary A. Kasper, Eric C. Huffman, Charles A. Reed, Jr. and Eric J. Hansen			2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: BISSELL Homecare, Inc. Internal Address: Street Address: 2345 Walker, N.W. City: Grand Rapids State: MI Zip: 49544		
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
3. Nature of conveyance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Merger <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> Other : _____					
Execution Date: Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz-08/19/02; Alan J. Krebs- 08/20/02; Phong Hoang Tran-09/03/02; Jonathon Miner-08/12/02; Gary A. Kasper-09/03/02; Eric C. Huffman-09/03/02; Charles A. Reed, Jr.-09/02/02; Eric J. Hansen-09/03/02.					
4. Application number(s) or registration number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: <u>08/12/02; 08/19/02;</u> <u>08/20/02; 09/02/02; 09/03/02.</u>					
A. Patent Application No.(s) 10/064,752			B. Patent No.(s)		
Additional numbers attached?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: John E. McGarry Internal Address: MCGARRY BAIR LLP Street Address: 171 Monroe Avenue, NW, Suite 600 City: Grand Rapids State: MI Zip: 49503			6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):\$ 40.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: <u>50-2003</u> (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)		
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John E. McGarry, Reg. No. 22,360			09/20/02		
Name of Person Signing			Signature		Date
Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document: <u>4</u> Atty. Docket No. 71189-1435					

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz, Alan J. Krebs, Phong Hoang Tran, Jonathan Miner, Gary A. Kasper, Eric C. Huffman, Charles A. Reed, Jr. and Eric J. Hansen residing, respectively, at 3501 Auburn, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI, 49505, 4586 Bass Lake Road, Pierson, MI 49339, 1519 Crystalline Drive, Caledonia, MI 49316, 50 S. Lincoln Street, Rockford, MI 49431, 0-13989 Windemere Drive, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49544, 995 Flat River Drive, Lowell, MI 49331, 3227 Valley View Drive, N.E., Rockford, MI 49341 and 7673 Candlewood Drive, S.E., Ada, MI 49301, (hereinafter "Assignors") have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

HAND-HELD DEEP CLEANER

for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America executed by Assignors as of the respective dates associated with their respective names herein; and

WHEREAS, BISSELL Homecare, Inc., a corporation of the State of Michigan, having its principal office and place of business in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said invention and application above-identified, and in, to, and under any Letters Patent that may be obtained for said invention, together with all foreign rights corresponding thereto, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by Assignors from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have agreed to sell, assign, and transfer and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under: said invention and application above identified; any Letters Patent of the United States of America that may be obtained in respect thereof; any corresponding applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all other areas of the world; and any reissues, extensions, substitutions, confirmations, divisions, and continuations of any of the foregoing (hereinafter "Invention Rights"), to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of Assignee forever.

Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for themselves and for their respective legal representatives, to assist and cooperate with Assignee in the preparation and prosecution of any applications included within the Invention Rights and in the prosecution or defense of any interference, opposition, or other proceeding that may arise in connection with any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights and further to execute and deliver to Assignee any and all additional papers that may be requested by Assignee for the purpose of implementing the terms of this **ASSIGNMENT**.

Assignors hereby authorize and empower Assignee to invoke and claim for any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights the benefit of any rights to which Assignors might be entitled under international law or under the laws of any particular country (such as, without limitation, the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended) and to invoke and claim such rights without further written or oral authorization from Assignors.

Assignors hereby consent that a copy of this **ASSIGNMENT** shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file, or like document that may be required in any particular country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of Assignee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended.

Assignors covenant and agree that this **ASSIGNMENT** and all of the terms hereof shall inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, legal representatives, or nominees of Assignee, without further written or oral authorization from Assignors.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Assignee to fill in the following blanks specifying the United States Serial No. and filing date for said application above identified:

U.S. Serial No. _____
Filed _____

but Assignee's failure to do so shall have no bearing whatsoever upon the validity or legal effect of this ASSIGNMENT.

Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue Letters Patent to Assignee in accordance with the terms of this ASSIGNMENT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignors have respectively hereunto set their hands on the dates indicated below.

Dated: 8-19-02 SIGNATURE: Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz

NAME: Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 19th day of August, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Therese E. Hansen
Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan
My commission expires: 3/4/06

THERESE E. HANSEN
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
My Commission Expires Mar. 4, 2006

Dated: 8/20/02 SIGNATURE: Alan J. Krebs

NAME: Alan J. Krebs

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 20th day of August, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Alan J. Krebs, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Therese E. Hansen
Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan
My commission expires: 3/4/06

THERESE E. HANSEN
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
My Commission Expires Mar. 4, 2006

Dated: 09/03/02SIGNATURE: Phong H. Tran

NAME:

Phong Hoang Tran

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 3rd day of September, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Phong Hoang Tran, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Therese E. Hansen

Notary Public, Kent County, MichiganMy commission expires: 3/4/06

THERESE E. HANSEN
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
My Commission Expires Mar. 4, 2006

Dated: 8/12/02SIGNATURE: Jonathan Miner

NAME:

Jonathan Miner

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 12th day of August, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Jonathan Miner, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Therese E. Hansen

Notary Public, Kent County, MichiganMy commission expires: 3/4/2006

THERESE E. HANSEN
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
My Commission Expires Mar. 4, 2006

Dated: 9/3/02SIGNATURE: Gary A. Kasper

NAME:

Gary A. Kasper

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 3rd day of September, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Gary A. Kasper, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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THERESE E. HANSEN
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Dated: 9/3/02SIGNATURE: Eric C. Huffman

NAME: Eric C. Huffman

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 3rd day of September, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Eric C. Huffman, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

THERESE E. HANSEN

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THERESE E. HANSEN
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Dated: 02 SEPTEMBER 2002SIGNATURE: Charles A. Reed Jr.

NAME: Charles A. Reed, Jr.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 2nd day of September, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Charles A. Reed, Jr., to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

THERESE E. HANSEN

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THERESE E. HANSEN
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
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Dated: 9-3-2002SIGNATURE: Eric J. Hansen

NAME: Eric J. Hansen

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 3rd day of September, 2002, personally appeared before me the above-named Eric J. Hansen, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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